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TURN THE LIGHT ON IWILEI GRAFT CHARGES!

With charges and counter-charges of graft at Iwilei afloat in the city, whispered on the street corners, in cafes, saloons and in the district itself; with ugly rumors involving prominent men in an alleged plan to molest unfortunate women in promise of "protection"; with nasty innuendo and idle intimation of official acquiescence in this dirty-dollar system,—with all of these stories passed from month to month, the time has come for grand jury probe.

For more than a week these stories have grown in detail and in nastiness. The newspapermen have heard whisperings of scandal from time to time and have carried on some independent investigations. The Star-Bulletin, at least, convinced that enough is "in the air" to call for a thorough certification. If the men accused in participating in the dirty graft are innocent, they will be cleared; if they are guilty, they should be exposed to the eyes of the overwhelming majority of decent men and decent women in this community.

So long as these murmurings of "graft at

Iwilei" are allowed to go without official, authoritative investigation, they will continue to grow, to multiply. The reputation of no official whose duties relate to the handling of the social evil is safe while this murky atmosphere of graft hangs over the district of scarlet shame and secret vice.

The specific charges afloat are that women of the district have been made to "give up" fifteen dollars each to a man who claims he is acting for "higher-ups". Gossip has given names to these "higher-ups"—names that the Star-Bulletin will not repeat because it has no conclusive evidence against them, and because in some startling cases, we believe, names have been used absolutely without authority. Men are accused whom this paper hopes most earnestly will be cleared.

But probe of some kind is necessary. A new federal grand jury was sworn in today. We hope that the U. S. district attorney will ask this jury to turn its attention to the charges of graft at Iwilei and to pursue these charges without fear and without favor.

AWAKING TO THE DANGER

That Honolulu is awaking to the necessity of organized scientific work for race improvement, outside the strict domain of police or pulpit or school and yet including all as agencies, was abundantly proved last night by a remarkable conference on eugenics held at the Young Men's Christian Association assembly hall. Men and women from many walks in life crowded the hall to the doors and more than a score of papers bearing on diverse phases of the subject were presented.

Several speakers pointed out lines of action in race-culture. One extremely practical paper read by Miss Frances Gould of Kawaiahae dwelt upon methods of imparting to children and youths the principles of race-reproduction. Rev. R. E. Smith urged with militant energy more forceful grappling by the pulpit with problems of degeneracy and race-culture, advocating the refusal of marriage to the unfit, and declaring that the pulpit must bear its share in its treatment of these important subjects.

The whole spirit of the conference was one extreme earnestness, and it remains for this earnestness to be translated into practical action. A splendid start in the right direction has been made. The first practical step is to begin systematic educative work, through the press, the pulpit, the schools and other agencies ready to hand. There will come a time to take radical legislation, but it was demonstrated last night that this time has not yet arrived. Moreover, such laws as those restricting marriage to the physically fit would have small chance of passing the next legislature, or any legislature, until a healthy public sentiment on the subject throughout the territory has been created and developed into an aggressive crusade.

Last night's conference brought out a feature worth commenting upon. Any recital of the unwholesome conditions of this city was received with horror, and yet, when a few days ago an opportunity was presented to the people of Honolulu to strike at one of the roots of the evil—the laxity of the police department—hundreds of good citizens, but citizens ignorant of what has been going on, went to the polls and with their complacency allowed the present police administration to be reelected with increased majorities. Many of the citizens who complain of the ruin of young girls, of the spread of disease, of crime unspeakable, upheld the police administration—the same administration whose laxity in enforcing the curfew law was so notorious that condemnation was voiced by an investigating committee of the last legislature.

It is charged, and it is true, that public sentiment has done little to help the police. The combination of inexorably dormant public sentiment and a police administration that waits to be prodded into action is responsible for very much of the degrading crime of this city. The conference last night is a hopeful, a stimulating evidence that good citizens are awaking to the insidious danger that has been slinking up to their very doors. They cannot afford to sleep.

NATIONAL GUARD AND POLITICS

The national guard seems to be coming under a vague and cautiously impersonal criti-

cism because, it is alleged, there is too much politics in the militia.

There is politics in the national guard of Hawaii, it is true, but that is not what's the matter with the organization now. The trouble with the guard is in lack of suitable quarters. There's some laxity, some failure to measure up to military ideals.

For years the guard has struggled along with inadequate equipment and quarters that would discourage a wharf-rat and drive him elsewhere. At last the guard is on the verge of better things. A new era in the affairs of the citizen-military is at hand.

Of course the guardsmen are in politics, but as individuals, not as an organization. Every factory here, every store, every business-house, every plantation, is in politics also, if the interested participation of individuals means being in politics. Hawaii is always in politics.

The national guard will soon be in a new armor. Give it an opportunity to make good under decent conditions. Give the guard a chance

The territorial grand jury is credibly reported to be investigating "dago red" and its relation to the crime of the city. While the grand jury is on the subject, it would be a good idea to call for a thorough analysis of some of the rifle stuff sold over bars in the more disreputable saloons of Honolulu. From the effects of this cheap booze, it certainly must contain harmful adulterants.

What's the matter with Honolulu, anyway? The steadiest thing in all the world for the past three months has been the New York raw sugar market. "4.05" has stood so long that it might be used for an insurance emblem, like Gibraltar.

Republican election inspectors who worked all night in a losing cause and now have had their pay held up, probably look upon this world as peculiarly ungrateful.

David Starr Jordan will hardly feel flattered when he sees Honolulu putting up a war palace while its peace establishment has to pay rent.

The Democratic gubernatorial crop does not seem to have suffered from the drought, not even Link, who might be classed as a ratoon.

Since the fire went out under the political pot, there would seem to be a good deal of Asches to take care of.

Jamaica is also having a banana-cutting experience, but at the hands of the hurricane, not the health authorities.

Who is going to get the "immunity bath" in the bath-tub trust case?

With the drought broken, the cane will now make up for lost time. Watch it grow.

A hot bottle to the feet is what Honolulu needs just now.

Will a new charter mean lower freight bills?

Watson is willin'.

LETTERS ON TIMELY TOPICS

THANKS HIS SUPPORTERS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,

Sir.—Kindly permit me at this late day a space in your column in expressing my sincere thanks, for those who have given their support in casting their votes for me in the late election.

Although defeated, I still have the good faith and confidence of some use to the community and not to a few on an effort to create the true condi-

tions confronting us today.

In the meantime I will study and prepare myself and then someday, my chance will come.

With thanks, I am,

ULYSSES H. JONES,
Defeated Candidate as a Representative for the Fifth Repre-

sentative District.

Dated Nov. 18th, 1912, Hesia, Koo-

lamoko.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

A bible class was organized last night to study the "Gospel of Mark" under the direction of assistant general secretary Lloyd R. Killam.

The Juniors are now playing the second round of their Quoits tournament. There are also rumors of a minstrel show to be given the early part of the New Year.

Thirty-five of the members of the employed boys' department met last night for their weekly bean supper and bible study class. The boys are now studying the different bible heroes.

Secretary Super's noonday bible class will meet Wednesday at twelve-thirty o'clock in his office. Men wishing to get a good introductory knowledge of the bible are invited to be present.

Sixty-five men and boys used the gymnasium equipment yesterday. The daily attendance in this department is growing due to the interesting work that physical director Lau is giving in the classes.

Physical director Lau's noonday gymnasium class for busy men is growing in popularity as it is becoming more widely known, and a group of business and professional men are meeting Mondays and Thursdays to get a little exercise to freshen them for the afternoon's work.

The Hawaii Camera Club is planning a tramp for the morning of Thanksgiving Day. The start will be made from the Y. M. C. A. building at eight o'clock and the morning will be spent in securing landscapes. Grouping selection and arrangement will be discussed under actual working conditions.

On the morning of Thanksgiving Day two groups of boys from the boy department will have a race to the top of Tantalus, one under the direction of Secretary Cross and the other under secretary Johnson. On the same day secretary Loomis will also take a crowd of the boys for another hike to Kahala bay.

A class in advanced shorthand will be organized in the night school this evening under the direction of E. F. McManamy, of the Sugar Factor Company. This class will review the Gregg shorthand text and be ready to begin dictation practice after the holidays. Six students are already enrolled and there is room for more.

The religious work committee met yesterday afternoon to discuss the matter of having a noon meeting in Cooke Hall once a week. The meetings which were conducted last week during the week-of-prayer, were so successful that the committee decided that the business men are interested in meetings of this nature. Rev. Robert E. Smith will be asked to give a series of six talks upon various subjects of interest, the first to be held on November 27.

INCREASE 2,514,000 TONS WORLD'S SUGAR

According to authorities quoted by Willett & Gray, the Cuban sugar crop exceeds the estimate of last December by 83,864 tons. The crop is 1,925,984 tons, while the estimate was 1,842,120 tons. The estimate for the 1912-13 crop of Cuba is 2,100,000 tons.

Willett & Gray's estimate of October 21 for the coming world's crop is 18,514,000 tons, against 15,882,702 for the closing year, an increase of 2,630,298 tons.

There is an estimated decrease of 42,601 tons in the cane crop, which is placed at 8,954,000, and an estimated increase of 2,673,000 in the beet sugar crop, which is estimated at 9,589,000 tons. The United States beet crop is given an increase of 83,899 tons, while the United States cane crop, including Porto Rico, is given a decrease of 134,000 tons. Hawaian's crop is placed by Willett & Gray at 500,000 tons, a decrease of 35,000 tons.

It would appear from these figures that the market problem turns on the disposal of the excess beet crop.

A new industry has been started near Brisbane, Australia,—the manufacture of lubricating oil and grease from candle nut oil and cotton seed oil.

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